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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2007 the term for response to which expires on March 17, 2008.

Amendments to the Drawings are described on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 6 of this paper. Claims 1 and 2 are amended; claim 3 is canceled; and claims 4-6 are added.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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